

Environmental Policy Facts

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) applies to all projects that receive federal money or require federal approval. It requires the federal agency to consider the environmental consequences of a proposed action and to make that information available to the public. The goal is to balance the need for a sustainable environment with other national needs and goals. For more information, <http://environment.fhwa.dot.gov/projdev/index.asp>
- Comprehensive environmental documents are available to the public via the internet, local libraries, government offices, and INDOT District Offices.
- INDOT affords the public the opportunity to provide input on all projects. See the INDOT Public Involvement page at for more detailed information.
- For information on Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation visit the Environmental Services Policy page.

Noise Facts

- Noise barriers are built for mitigation as part of projects that add capacity to the roadway or realign it, and have the possibility to affect noise levels. Noise barriers are recommended during the environmental process on a case-by-case basis. Note that INDOT can only mitigate noise from state highways and interstates. Noise from local roads or other sources cannot be mitigated by INDOT.
- Your local District Office will be able to tell you if any projects are planned near your home that would require a noise analysis, or if noise mitigation is already planned for your location.
- In order to have a barrier removed a noise study must be conducted to determine whether removing the barrier will affect benefits to noise-sensitive development in the area. If the study shows no undesirable effects, then INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration may determine that the wall can be removed, at the requestor's expense. Please contact Environmental Services if you are interested in pursuing barrier removal in your area.
- Access control is a formal limitation on the number of intersections from cross-streets and private driveways. This is important to noise barriers because breaks due to intersections and driveways drastically reduce the effectiveness of the barrier.